

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE EMPIRE
HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 23RD AND 24TH FEBRUARY 1951 COMMENCING
AT 9.30 A.M. ON THE 23RD.

PRESENT:- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President), E.A. Field, (Vice-President), J.R. Barber, T.F. Penrose, G.E. Gumbrell, and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Mr. E.J. Kirk arrived at 10 a.m. and tendered an apology for being late.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on the 10th and 11th October were read and confirmed.

At 10 a.m. Mr. Field was granted leave to attend a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASED PRICES :- As a prelude to discussions upon this question relative correspondence was read as follows :-

To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated	19.10.50.
From " " " " "	19.11.50.
From " " " " "	1.2.51.
From " " " " "	7.2.51.
To " " " " "	16.2.51.
From " " " " "	19.2.51.
From Southland Branch	12.2.51.
To " " " " "	20.2.51.
From Walworth Industries Ltd,	20.10.50.
To " " " " "	30.10.50.
From Walworth Industries Ltd,	2.11.50.
To " " " " "	4.12.50.
From " " " " "	5.12.50.
To " " " " "	16. 2.51.
From " " " " "	19. 2.51.
From Waitomo Branch dated 2. 1.51.	
To " " " " "	19. 1.51.
From A. Mawhinney " 14.12.50.	
To " " " " "	15.12.50.
From " " " " "	19.12.50.
To " " " " "	29. 1.51.
From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re Mawhinney dated 1. 2.51.	
From " " " " "	" " 1.2. 51.
From " " " " "	" " 21.12.50.
From " " " " "	" " 9. 1.51.
To " " " " "	" " 16. 1.51.
From A. Mawhinney dated 6.1.51.	
To A. Mawhinney dated 19.1.51.	
From A. Mawhinney dated 24.1.51.	
To Director Price Control dated 20.2.51.	
To Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 20.2.51.	
To Mr. A.B. Callick dated 29. 1.51.	
From " " " " "	1. 2.51.
To " " " " "	16. 2.51.
From Waitomo Branch dated 19.2.51.	
From " " " " "	19.2.51.
From A. Mawhinney (Cost Statement) dated 19.2.51.	

Following the reading of the above-mentioned correspondence a general discussion ensued. The Secretary submitted a detailed cost schedule based on increases since 1947 and set out in the formula previously agreed to by the Price Investigation Tribunal.

This Statement was discussed in detail and amendments made where considered necessary. The Secretary pointed out that he had experienced difficulty in getting at the costs of transport and this matter was debated upon at some length.

The question of prices was still under discussion when the meeting adjourned for lunch at 1.20 p.m.

At 2.30 p.m. members attended a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee where, in conjunction with the Marketing Committee the discussion on the question of price increases was continued.

It was finally agreed that the case for an increase should be submitted by the N.B.A. on behalf of the Industry as a whole and that the General Secretary should furnish the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee with details of the figures he had prepared, in order that the Marketing Department may check the figures and add their packing costs to the costs of production. It was further agreed that the application should be made for the full amount of increased costs as submitted.

Members returned to the Empire Hotel at 5 p.m. when their meeting was resumed.

Various aspects of the case were then further discussed and the meeting adjourned at 6.15 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting was resumed at 9.15 a.m. on the 24th, Mr. Field again being granted leave to attend the meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee.

HONEY MARKETING COMMITTEE REGULATIONS :- In this connection correspondence was read as follows :-

To the Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 19.10.50

From the Hon. K.J. Holyoake dated 31.10.50, advising that the suggested amendment relating to the election of producer members would be proceeded with immediately and that the points raised regarding the co-opting of other persons by the Committee were being referred to the Committee and if agreed to, suitable action to amend that particular clause would be taken.

Mr. Gumbrell considered that the co-opting of a South Island producer should be made mandatory.

It was decided however, not to proceed on that line, but to ask Mr. Field to request the Committee under the regulations when amended, to take steps to co-opt a South Island producer when the Committee was to deal with matters of concern to South Island producers.

SEALS REGULATIONS :- The Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee writing on the 1.2.51 forwarded a copy of the list of suggestions circulated to members of the Committee for consideration in the re-drafting of the Seals Regulations and suggesting that they also be brought before Branches for comment or additions.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the suggestions for amendments or additions to the Marketing Regulations be circulated to Branches for consideration at the next Conference."

A confidential letter from the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dealing with the purchase of seals by a producer packing comb honey in jars, was read and discussed.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that no action be taken before the matter is considered by the next Conference."

DISEASE IN APIARIES :- Correspondence was read as follows :-

To Hon. K.J. Holyoake, dated 30.10.50 re grossly neglected apiaries.

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake in reply dated 21.11.50.

To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry dated 1.12.50 containing resolution from Canterbury Branch.

From Director of Horticulture in reply dated 11.12.50.

To Director of Horticulture in reply dated 14.12.50.

MANUKA HONEY :- Following a discussion on the problem of disposing of the large production of Manuka honey, it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that the Marketing Committee be urged to give urgent consideration to fostering the demand for manuka comb honey in the U.S.A. and that they use every endeavour to encourage and assist in the packaging and sale of this product in order to quickly develop such a trade."

Carried.

STANDARD HONEY JARS :- A copy of specifications of a standard glass honey jar with a request for comments was received from the N.Z. Standards Institute. Members examined the specifications and it was decided to approve these, subject to the matter being also referred to the Honey Marketing Committee for their approval.

SEALS ON CONTAINER LIDS :- Dissatisfaction with the existing procedure over the forward purchase of sealed containers in the South Island was expressed in a letter from the Gore Branch dated 6.11.50.

The Branch also complained of the financial burden imposed on South Island producers, through having to wait long periods to secure payment for honey supplied to the Marketing Department.

The Secretary read his reply to the branch dated 17.11.50 and also read the reply to representations made to the Marketing Committee on behalf of the Gore Branch, a copy of which he had also forwarded to the Branch.

Members were agreed that it was unjust that large sums had to be paid for seals in advance of the following years requirements, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Executive is not satisfied with the Committee's findings on the question of sealed lids and respectfully suggests that there is no reason whatsoever why seals should not be supplied on a credit system to established producers."

SALE OF CREAMED HONEY :- On this subject, correspondence was read as follows:-
 From Dr. E.J. Dyce U.S.A., forwarding letter received from Cahill's Proprietary Ltd., Sydney dated 4.10.50 and his reply thereto.
 To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry re same dated 30.10.50.
 From " " " " 6.11.50.
 From Cahill's Pty. Ltd., " 17.11.50.
 To " " " " 11.12.50.

The Secretary reported that all of the above correspondence had been forwarded to the marketing Committee for their attention. A letter in reply from the Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 7.2.51 stated that samples of creamed honey had subsequently been submitted to Messrs. Cahill's Ltd.

SALE OF BEESWAX:- The following correspondence was read :-
 From Will & Baumer Candle Co., U.S.A. dated 4.10.50 seeking offer of Beeswax for sale.
 To Will & Baumer in reply dated 24.10.50.
 From " " " " 2.11.50.
 To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re same dated 4.12.50.
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee dated 1.2.51 regretting inability of Marketing Department to organise and control sale of Beeswax and enclosing further enquiry for supplies of 20 tons from Glasgow Trading Co. Pty. Ltd., of Sydney.

PLANT QUARANTINE:- The Secretary reported that a Conference of all interested parties had been called in November to discuss amendments to existing regulations designed to prevent the entry into the Dominion of further insect pests and plant diseases. A special invitation had been extended by the Agriculture Department to the Association and at the Secretary's request Mr. Field had attended the conference at a good deal of inconvenience to himself.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that a vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Field for having represented the Executive at the Conference held in Wellington to discuss plant quarantine."

BEEKEEPING IN BURMA :- The Director of Horticulture wrote on 30.11.50 forwarding copy of a letter received by him through Mr. G. Gumbrell from Mr. U. Po Lat, Secretary to the Government of the Union of Burma regarding the suggested appointment by the Burma Government of a competent Beekeeper from N.Z. to train students in the Karenni State in the craft of Apiculture. The letter from the Director was forwarded in order that the Association may take whatever action it considered necessary. The Director's letter in reply to Mr. U. Po Lat stated that the Department was not in a position to recommend

the services of an Instructor, as the Department was very short of Senior Apiary Instructors and that he had therefore referred the matter to the N.B.A.

Members felt that more consideration could have been given to the request by the Director and it was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Penrose "that we write to the Director asking whether his Department would be prepared to suggest terms of employment, remuneration etc., and take the responsibility of selecting a suitable applicant if any persons should apply as the result of an advertisement inserted in "the New Zealand Beekeeper" by the Department, free of cost."

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows:-

From Managing-Director, Mono (N.Z.) Ltd. enclosing copy of letter to the Minister of Marketing dated 16.10.50.
 To Mono (N.Z.) Ltd. dated 30.10.50.
 From " " " with copy of further letter to Minister dated 13.11.50.
 To " " " dated 17.11.50.
 From Mr. H. Viswanathan dated 15.2.51.
 To " " " 21.2.51.
 From Queensland Beekeepers' Assn. (3) re Research Station.
 To Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry (2) re same:
 From " " " " "
 From Mr. T. Palmer-Jones re same.
 To Queensland Beekeepers Assn. (3) in reply.
 To Director-General of Health dated 19.10.50, advising that the Executive had no submissions to make regarding the matter of revision of the Food and Drug Regulations 1946 and requesting to be advised of any suggested alterations contemplated by the Department concerning the production and sale of honey, before any alterations are effected.
 From the Director of Horticulture re 1951 International Beekeeping Conference.
 To Director in reply.
 From President, Gore Branch re function to Mr. R. Stewart.
 To " " " " in reply.
 To General Secretary Federated Farmers dated 19.10.50.
 From " " " " 26.10.50.
 From Director of Horticulture re use of Phenol dated 15.11.50.
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake re grant of £100,
 From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re resolution from Canterbury Branch dated 1.2.51.
 To Hon. K.J. Holyoake conveying resolution dated 19.10.50.
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake in reply dated 27.10.50.
 To Hon. K.J. Holyoake re Contract System dated 19.10.50.
 From Hon. K.J. Holyoake re Contract System dated 30.10.50.

At this stage Mr. Field returned from the meeting of the Marketing Committee and announced that Messrs. Nelson and Holt were in the Hotel and were anxious to meet the Executive to discuss the question of Taxation.

The Secretary pointed out that a good deal of correspondence had passed between Mr. Nelson and himself since the Executive last met and that the ~~Executive~~ Executive had not yet considered the position as it now existed.

It was decided however to meet Messrs. Nelson and Holt immediately, the time being 12.30 p.m. Mr. Nelson spoke at some considerable length and voiced strong criticism of the Executive for its failure to press the claim with the Commissioner of Taxes and stated that Beekeepers in the Waikato were very annoyed at the Executive's lack of action.

Mr. Williams pointed out to Mr. Nelson that the Executive had, at its last meeting decided that the matter would be further dealt with as soon as the General Secretary received in writing from Mr. Nelson the legal opinion which he had previously said he had secured from his Solicitor. The General Secretary had, prior to the Christmas holidays, been in touch with the leading legal authority on taxation in the Dominion and any delay had not been due to inactivity on the part of the Executive. Mr. Nelson however, persisted in his criticism.

The matter was further discussed in general terms. The Secretary suggesting in view of the dissatisfaction expressed by Mr. Nelson, that a special committee of producers be set up to work in conjunction with a solicitor in preparing a fresh case for submission to the Commissioner of Taxes.

The time being 1.20 p.m. the meeting then adjourned.

The meeting resumed at 2.30 p.m. when Mr. Barber left to catch his train.

TAXATION :- Relative to the remarks made by Mr. Nelson prior to the luncheon adjournment a further discussion ensued and the Secretary read extracts from some of the letters received from Mr. Nelson subsequent to the October meeting and also the letter in reply received from Dr. Cunningham. The outcome was as follows :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Kirk, that the President interview the Waikato Branch and explain fully the present state of negotiations with the Taxation Department."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose, that the Taxation Committee of the Waikato Beekeepers be asked to furnish the General Executive with factual cases of taxation assessments in dispute, including copies of assessment notices and financial accounts of beekeepers concerned in the year of the forced change-over, the reason being that these are required for the purpose of securing competent legal opinion on the action taken by the Commissioner of Taxes."

CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS :- The Secretary reported that he has been successful in hiring the Provincial Council Buildings for the Christchurch Conference and mentioned that difficulty ^{HAD BEEN EXPERIENCED} in securing the necessary hotel accommodation required. In response for assistance in the finalising of the matter, Mr. Penrose had greatly assisted by interviewing the proprietors of both the Clarendon and Warner's Hotels and letters confirming the reservations made by Mr. Penrose at the latter hotel were read.

It was decided to invite the Hon. K.J. Holyoake to open the conference and failing his being able to do so, to pass the invitation on to the Mayor of Christchurch.

It was further decided to extend an invitation to both the Director of Horticulture and the Chairman of the Honey Marketing Committee to address the Conference immediately after the opening address.

CORRESPONDENCE:- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Umbrell, "that the inward correspondence be received and the outward approved."

SECRETARY'S SALARY:- Mr. Penrose raised this question and it was decided to defer consideration of the matter until the next meeting.

The time being 4.50 p.m. the meeting then terminated.

CONFIRMED.

DATE... 9/7/51.....

CHAIRMAN E. D. Williams



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE HELD IN WARNER'S

HOTEL, CHRISTCHURCH, ON THE 9TH & 10TH JULY 1951, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M.

ON THE FORMER DATE.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) E.A. Field (Vice-President) T.F. Penrose, J.R. Barber, E.J. Kirk, G.E. Gumbrell, and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

The Editor of "The New Zealand Beekeeper" (Mr. J. McFadzien) was also in attendance.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Wellington on the 23rd. and 24th. February 1951 which had previously been circulated to members were taken as read and were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell.

SECRETARY'S SALARY :- Mr. Penrose in discussing the Minutes said he wished to refer to that portion dealing with the Secretary's salary. He mentioned the fact that although the general wage order granting a 15% increase on salaries and wages became operative in February last, there had been an interim order issued in May 1950. He moved that the Secretary's salary be increased by 15% and that the increase be made retrospective to the date of the interim order in May 1950. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kirk.

Mr. Barber said he thought that the Editor's salary should also be considered. It was some years since any alteration had been made in the rate of remuneration. This suggestion was readily agreed to by Mr. Penrose.

Upon further discussion however, it was decided to leave the matter of the Editor's salary ^{until} after the question of the Secretary's salary had been disposed of.

Mr. Penrose said that he had worked out what the increase would be on the basis of 15% and it amounted to £37. 10/- per annum. He suggested that the increase be in round figures and he sought permission to amend his motion to read "that the Secretary's salary be increased by £50 per annum to be made retrospective to the date of the interim wage order in May 1950." Mr. Kirk agreed to the alteration and the motion on being put was Carried.

EDITOR'S SALARY :- At the invitation of the President, Mr. McFadzien explained his work as Editor, and in doing so said that he did not seek any increase in his present rate of remuneration, pointing out that the payment of his telephone rental by the Association had already assisted him financially.

At this stage it was moved by Mr. Barber, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that the Editor's salary be increased to £75 per annum." The motion was Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE was then read as follows :-

From Hon. K.J. Holyoake M.P.	regretting inability to attend Conference.	
From Director of Horticulture	accepting invitation to attend Conference.	
From Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry,	accepting invitation to Conference.	
From Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee,	accepting invitation to Conference.	
From Acting-Director of Marketing	accepting invitation to attend Conference.	
From Minister of Marketing	expressing thanks for copy of Remits.	
From Chairman, H.M.C.	re application for price increase dated 14-3-51.	
To Chairman Honey Marketing Committee	" " " " " 22-3-51.	
To Chairman Honey Marketing Committee	" " " " " 2-4-51.	
From Chairman, H.M.C.	in reply dated 10-4-51.	
To Director of Price Control	re application for price increase dated 30-3-51/	
To " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " 8-5-51.	
From " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " 8-6-51.	

To Director of Price Control re application for increased prices dated 15-6-51.
 To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee re Beeswax dated 9-5-51.
 From Chairman " " " " " 14-6-51.
 From The Marketing Department re proposed de-licensing of imports of Beeswax dated 24-5-51.
 From Honey Section, Marketing Department, re same dated 12-6-51.
 To Secretary, Board of Trade, re importation of Beeswax dated 19-6-51.
 To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, re Manuka Comb Honey dated 5-3-51.
 From " " " " " " 3-5-51.
 From Marketing Department enclosing draft of Amendment No. 3 to Honey Marketing Committee Regulations 1948.
 To Acting-Director, Marketing Department re same dated 6-4-51.
 To Chairman, Honey Marketing Committee, re forward purchase of seals dated 5-3-51
 From " " " " " in reply dated 7-3-51.
 To " " " " " re amending Seals Regulations dated 5-3-51.
 From " " " " " " " " 7-3-51.
 To " " " " " " " " 13-3-51.
 To " " " " " " " " 25-3-51.
 From " " " " " " " " 19-6-51.
 From Alliance Bee-Supplies Co. re letter from South Africa and price increases dated 19-6-51.
 From Acting Director of Marketing re appointment of Manager, Honey Section, dated 17-4-51.
 From Honey Section, Marketing Dept. in reply re tare of 60 lb. tins dated 18-5-51
 From Director of Horticulture re possible sugar shortage, dated 6-6-51.
 To " " " " " " " " 19-6-51.
 To Colonial Sugar Refining Co. " " " " " 19-6-51.
 From Director of Horticulture in reply dated 25-6-51.
 From Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. in reply dated 22-6-51.
 From Waitomo Branch, two resolutions dated 16-6-51.
 From Beynon Printing Co. Ltd. increase in printing costs dated 30.5.51.
 From Mrs. G. Simon, copy of report and financial statement re Otago Convention.
 To Mr. W. Nelson re Taxation dated 5-3-51.
 From " " " " " " 14-5-51.
 From " " " " " " 16-5-51.
 From " " " " " " 22-5-51.
 To " " " " " " 24-5-51.
 From " " " " " " enclosing copy of legal opinion on taxation dated 6.7.51.

APPLICATION FOR PRICE INCREASE :- This matter was discussed at some length in relation to the findings of the Price Tribunal as disclosed by the correspondence, following which it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that the case for increased prices for honey be re-opened with a view to securing the maximum amount possible."

PRICE OF BEESWAX :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Kirk, "that in order to impress upon Beekeepers the need for retaining the present price level of beeswax, it is essential to keep the Marketing Department informed of stocks held and sold."

At this stage the meeting adjourned for lunch, the time being 12.45 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 2 p.m. when consideration was given to the proposed Honey Marketing Regulations 1951.

The draft form of the Regulations was read and the various provisions contained therein were fully discussed.

It was moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the following additional clause be inserted in part 2 (3) (b) - Any honey sold by a producer to a consumer into the consumer's own container."

(Note. Clause 3 of Part 2 set out the type of sales to which the seals levy should not apply.)

It was thereupon moved as an amendment proposed by Mr. Kirk, seconded by Mr. Penrose, "that the regulations be made to provide that all sales from Apiaries direct to consumers be exempt from seals."

In the ensuing discussion it was pointed out that door sales from apiaries had dwindled considerably during the past two years and that the amount of honey sold in this manner would not be large and that in any case a producer selling from his apiary received the highest possible price for his product and for that reason alone he should be prepared to assist the marketing organisation by paying the seals levy on all such sales on containers up to 10 lb. nett weight.

After further discussion both the mover of the original motion and of the amendment agreed to withdraw their motions and it was decided to refer clause (3) (b) of Part 2 to Conference for a decision.

Moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded Mr. Gumbrell, "that Clause 18 (General) be deleted." - Carried unanimously.

(Note: Clause 18 read as follows :- Any officer of the Marketing Department or any other person duly authorised by the Minister in that behalf shall have the right of entry to the premises of any person engaged in the business of marketing or storing honey in New Zealand and may inspect the stocks for the time being deposited in such premises and the books and records of such person relating to storage, sale and purchase of honey).

ANNUAL REPORT :- The Secretary read the Annual Report which he had prepared and this was approved. Just prior to the adjournment, Mr. Field intimated that he would be absent at a meeting of the Marketing Committee on the following day when the report came up for adoption and wished to express his personal appreciation of the work of the Secretary, the Editor and members of the Executive for their help during the previous year - an opportunity he had not been afforded owing to the fact that the election of officers had taken place before the Conference had finished its business.

The meeting then adjourned until the following morning, the time being 6 p.m.

RESUMPTION :- The meeting resumed at 9.45 a.m. on the 10th. July, all members being present with the exception of Mr. Field who was required to attend a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee.

REQUESTS FROM WAITOMO BRANCH :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell "that resolution no. 1 from Waitomo be agreed to and that resolution no. 2 be referred to the Marketing Committee for their attention."

INCREASED COST OF JOURNAL :- On the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Kirk, it was resolved to advise the Beynon Printing Co., that while it was regretted that such a sharp increase had been made in the cost of printing the Journal, it was realised that under existing conditions some increase was inevitable. Further that the Executive express their sincere regret at the death of Mr. Beynon who has been personally associated with the production of "The N.Z. Beekeeper" for a long period."

OUTSTANDING ACCOUNT :- The Secretary reported that an amount of £5. 10/- was owing to the Association for advertising by the late Mr. Swanson at the time of his death. The Secretary reported that he had discussed the matter with Mr. McFadzien and in view of the circumstances in which Mr. Swanson's widow would probably be placed, he recommended that the amount owing be written off.

Resolved on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Secretary be authorised to write off the amount of £5. 10/- owing by the late Mr. Swanson and that Mrs. Swanson be notified to that effect."



INCREASED ISSUES OF JOURNAL :- Following a general discussion on this question, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that it be a recommendation to the incoming Executive that they give consideration to the question of publishing six copies of the Journal per annum and that they explore the possibility of increasing advertising rates to meet the increased costs of printing."

MANUKA HONEY :- This matter was discussed at considerable length, but in view of the number of remits coming before Conference on the subject, no action was taken.

BALANCE SHEET :- The Secretary read the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st. May 1951 and explained points raised.

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted."

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12.50 p.m. and resumed again at 2.10. p.m.

TRANSFER FROM TRUST FUND :- In view of the reduced income from subscriptions during the past year, the question of increasing the contribution from the Trust Fund to the General Account was discussed. Finally it was resolved on the motion of the President, "that the sum of £10 be transferred from the Trust Fund to the General Account in respect of the year ended 31st. May 1951."

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS :- The Secretary submitted details of financial members from Branches. These figures disclosed the fact that the number of financial members at the 31st. May 1951 totalled only 740 as against 889 at the corresponding date of last year. Compared with the figures for 1948 the number of financial members had dropped by 196. The Secretary also drew attention to the fact that in the following Branches, the number of financial members had fallen below the figure required by the rules :- Clutha: West Otago: Waimarino: Whakatane: Wairarapa.

It was thereupon resolved on the motion of Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the General Secretary be instructed to write to those Branches whose financial members are less than the number required under the rules and that unless the requisite number of members become financial without delay, the Branches concerned be wound up and all funds transferred to Head Office."

TAXATION :- This matter was again discussed at some length in the light of correspondence which had passed between Mr. W. Nelson and the General Secretary. The Secretary also reported upon interviews he recently had with the Commissioner of Taxes and with the General Secretary of Federated Farmers. As the result of a further interview with the Taxation officials in company with Mr. T.S. Winter, the Secretary said he felt that considerable progress had at last been made and that Mr. Winter had been able to supply the Taxation Department with very valuable information regarding the basic principles of beekeeping in relation to the incomes derived from the sale of honey and beeswax. The General Secretary of Federated Farmers had also given an undertaking to have the case of Beekeepers included in the submissions being made by the special Taxation Investigation Commission recently set up by the Government. As the result of these interviews the Taxation Department had agreed to reconsider the whole question regarding hives of bees as capital assets and it was possible that a special income return form would be devised to suit the beekeeping industry and to provide the Department with the necessary safeguards required by law. Any special form so devised would be submitted by the Department to the General Executive for its approval or otherwise, before being put into practice.

With reference to the foregoing, it was moved by Mr. Penrose, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that we place on record our appreciation of the General Secretary's efforts in respect of the representations made by him to the Taxation Department."

The motion was carried.

Resolution to operate on the Account of a Corporate Body or Unincorporated Society or Club.

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To the BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.

You are hereby notified that the following is a true copy of a Resolution recorded in the Minutes of the proceedings at a meeting of (a) The General Executive duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules or Articles of Association of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated. on the Thirteenth day of July 19 51.

Resolved:—(1) "That (c) any one member of the Executive jointly
" with the General Secretary.

" be and are

" hereby appointed to operate the account of (b) The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Incorporated.

" (hereinafter termed "the Corporation") kept with the Bank of New Zealand at

" (d) Foxton. and that the Bank be requested to honour and charge to the said account all Cheques drawn and all Bills of Exchange or Promissory Notes accepted or made by them on behalf of the Corporation whether the balance of the said account be credit or debit.

(2) "That (c) The General Secretary.

" be empowered to endorse Cheques, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes and other negotiable instruments on behalf of the Corporation.

(3) "That all previous resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account are hereby superseded.

(4) "That the authority granted by this Resolution shall subsist until superseded by a further Resolution of the (a) The General Executive."

The subjoined schedule sets out the names, official designations and specimen signatures of the persons authorised by the said Resolution to operate on the said Account. You will be notified in writing of the passing of any further resolutions relating to authorities to operate on the said Account and of any Changes in the names or official designations of any of such persons.

Name in full (e)	Official (f) Designation	Specimen (g) Signature
<u>Edward Diamond Williams</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>E.D. Williams</u>
<u>Edmund Arming Field</u>	<u>Vice President</u>	<u>E. Field</u>
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<u>George Edmund Gumbrell</u>	<u>Executive Member</u>	<u>G. Gumbrell</u>
<u>Eric James Kirk</u>	<u>Executive Member</u>	<u>E.J. Kirk</u>
<u>Garnet Victor Fraser</u>	<u>General Secretary</u>	<u>G. Fraser</u>

Delete whichever attestation clause is not applicable.)

(h) The Common Seal of The National Beekeepers' Association of N.Z. Inc. was hereunto affixed this Thirteenth day of July 19 51 in the presence of

(i) Signed on behalf of and under the authority of _____
this _____ day of _____ 19 _____ by _____

E.D. Williams
E. Field
G. Fraser

PRESIDENT.

VICE-PRESIDENT

GEN. SECRETARY



REMITTS FOR CONFERENCE :- These were referred to in a general discussion and it was agreed that when certain remits came before the Conference, the President should request the delegates to have the questions decided on a delegates' vote.

This concluded the business of the meeting which then terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair, the time being 5.15 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 3/10/51.....

CHAIRMAN. E. D. Williams..

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE, HELD IN THE EMPIRE

HOTEL, WELLINGTON, ON THE 3RD. & 4TH. OCTOBER 1951, COMMENCING AT 9.30 A.M.

ON THE 3RD.

PRESENT :- Messrs. E.D. Williams (President) J.R. Barber, G.E. Gumbrell
J.E. Glass and the General Secretary (Mr. G.V. Fraser).

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. E.A. Field to enable him to attend a meeting of the Honey Marketing Committee in Auckland and also to Mr. E.J. Kirk, who was indisposed.

MINUTES of the meeting held in Christchurch on the 9th. and 10th. July 1951, which had previously been circulated to members, were confirmed on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber.

The Secretary reported upon interviews he had had the previous day with the Deputy Commissioner of Taxes and with the Director of Horticulture and the Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry.

Messrs. Greig and Winter having expressed a desire to meet the Executive, a preliminary discussion was then held on the matter which related to amendment to the Apiaries Act.

CORRESPONDENCE :- During the course of the meeting, the following correspondence was read :-

To the Minister of Marketing re decisions of Conference dated 26.7.51.
From " " " in reply dated 17.8.51.
To " " " re same dated 3.9.51.
From " " " " " " 13.9.51.
From the Honey Marketing Committee re Conference decisions dated 24.9.51.
To the Minister of Marketing re Tinplate dated 20.8.51.
From " " " re same dated 3.9.51.
From Minister of Industries and Commerce re same dated 24.9.51.
From The Marketing Department re same dated 11.9.51.
From " " " re aperture of tins dated 24.9.51.
From " " " re "Alkathene" liners dated 14.9.51.
From the Honey Marketing Committee re Tinplate and Radio Advertising dated 25.9.51.
To the Honey Marketing Committee re appointment of Manager to Honey Section etc.
dated 26.7.51.
From the Honey Marketing Committee in reply dated 1.8.51.
To Minister of Agriculture re Conference decisions dated 26.7.51.
From " " " " " " (in reply) dated 21.8.51.
To " " " " " " in reply dated 28.8.51.
From South Canterbury Branch re D.D.T. Super dated 25.9.51.
From South Canterbury Branch re Prices, Tinplate & Pay-out from Department dated
31.8.51.
To " " " in reply dated 5.9.51.
From Canterbury Branch, re increased cost of Tinplate dated 1.9.51.
" Marketing Department, re delayed pay-out dated 17.8.51.
" " " " " " 7.9.51.
" Taxation Department re suggested form of Return dated 25.7.51.
To " " " " " " " 14.8.51.
From " " " " " " " 21.8.51.
" Acting Director of Marketing re Regulations dated 11.9.51.
To " " " " in reply dated 14.9.51.
From Honey Marketing Committee re delayed pay-out, Price Order and Regulations
dated 12.9.51.
" Mr. J. McFadzien re Bi-Monthly issues of Journal dated 15.9.51.
" " " to Beynon Printing Co. dated 10.9.51.
" Beynon Printing Co. to Mr. McFadzien re further increase in printing costs
dated 18.9.51.
" Mr. J. McFadzien re same dated 22.9.51.
" Clutha Branch re pay-out for coming season etc. dated 15.9.51.
To " " in reply dated 25.9.51.

From Mr. A.C. Bridle re treatment at Conferences dated 18.7.51.
 To " " " in reply dated 24.7.51
 To Director of Price Control re sale of 60 lb. tins from Apiary dated 27.7.51.
 From " " " " re same dated 3.8.51.
 To " " " " " " " 28.9.51.
 From " " " " " " " 28.9.51.
 From The N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd. re Public Risk Policy dated 18.6.51.
 " Honey Marketing Committee with copy of letter from Mr. A. Mawhinney dated 1.10.51.
 " Gore Branch re late Mr. Swanson (undated).
 To Colonial Sugar Refining Co., re Bee-feeding dated 24.8.51.
 From " " " " in reply dated 27.8.51.
 " Board of Trade re Imports of Beeswax dated 23.8.51.
 " Honey Marketing Committee, Agenda for October meeting dated 24.9.51.
 To Clutha Branch re future of Branch dated 3.8.51.
 To Whakatane Branch re future of Branch dated 3.8.51.
 To West Otago " " " " " " 3.8.51.
 To Waimarino " " " " " " 3.8.51.
 To Wairarapa " " " " " " 3.8.51.
 From " " " " " " 21.8.51.
 To " " " " " " 24.8.51.
 From Waimarino Branch re future of Branch dated 21.8.51.
 " A.W.A. Fraser (Wairarapa) re future of Branch dated 5.9.51.
 From Clutha Branch re future of Branch dated 31.8.51.
 " " " " " " 8.9.51.
 " West Otago " " " " " 30.8.51.
 " Mrs. D.C. Petty re Whakatane Branch Funds dated 1.9.51.
 " " " " " 15.9.51.
 " Supt. Beekeeping Industry re exports to India dated 9.8.51.
 " " " " " letter from South Canterbury Branch dated 10.8.51

PART-TIME INSPECTION OF APIARIES :- After considering correspondence from the Minister in connection with this matter, it was decided to write to Mr. Winter, suggesting that more part-time men be appointed with smaller areas to cover, so as to enable the work to be done more economically and within the appropriate time.

APERTURE OF 60LB. TINS :- Relative to correspondence from the Marketing Department, it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "that we advise the Cannister Manufacturers that the Industry approves of a standard 60 lb. tin with an aperture of $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, provided that no extra cost is charged to Beekeepers for the alteration."

WAITOMO BRANCH COMPLAINT :- Decided to advise the Branch that owing to the uncertainty of continuity of supply to the Honey Section, the Department did not consider it advisable to appoint a permanent Manager of the Honey Section at this stage. Under the circumstances the appointment of Mr. Tarleton as Acting-Manager was considered by the Marketing Committee to be the best choice of the applicants offering.

At 1 p.m. the meeting adjourned for lunch.

The meeting resumed at 2 p.m. when Messrs Greig and Winter were in attendance and were welcomed by the Chairman.

GROSSLY NEGLECTED APIARIES :- Mr. Greig said he appreciated the desire of the Industry to strengthen the powers of the Department in its efforts to control disease. His concern however, was that the Industry should not ask for any amendments to the Act, if such amendments could not be effectively administered. He then put forward proposals for draft legislation making provision for the right of appeal against the decision to destroy an apiary. He suggested in this respect that tribunals be set up comprising the local Apiary Instructor together with two Beekeepers appointed by each Branch of the N.B.A.

After a general discussion, this suggestion was agreed to and it was decided to ask the Minister to defer presentation of the Amendment Bill which was then ready to go before the House, in order to incorporate the additional clause or clauses dealing with Neglected Apiaries.

APICULTURE SECTION :- Mr. Greig, in referring to the remit passed by Conference, sought the views of the Executive on the control of Apiary Instructors under the Horticulture Division.

Members expressed the opinion that Apiary Instructors should be able to contact the Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry direct on matters dealing with the administrative side, as well as being, as at present, competent to approach him direct on the technical side of the Industry. It was felt that in many ways the present system whereby Apiary Instructors were required to deal with District Supervisors of Horticulture on administrative matters was not in the best interests of the Beekeeping Industry. Several matters, such as travelling allowances, use of P. & T. cars and other restrictions upon the field work of the Instructors during the critical months of the year, were also voiced by members.

Mr. Greig noted the various points raised and gave explanations relating to the workings of the Department at the present time. He concluded by stating that he considered that the present simplified procedure between Apiary Instructors and the District Supervisors of Horticulture was working satisfactorily. Any failure in the future, he contended, would rest with the individual Apiary Instructors.

WEEDKILLERS & INSECTICIDES :- This matter was also discussed in the light of the reply from the Minister, who stated that the Industry's interests were being watched in the drafting of the proposed Weedkillers Bill. Mr. Winter intimated that he would like to consult Mr. Palmer-Jones on this question and suggested that a joint discussion on the problem be held the next day. This offer was gladly accepted.

After being thanked by the Chairman for having come to the meeting, Messrs. Greig and Winter withdrew, the time being 3.10 p.m.

TAXATION :- This matter was discussed and the proposed form of return to be completed each year by Commercial Beekeepers was considered, together with certain alterations proposed by the Secretary. Subsequently it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that we approve of the form suggested by the Taxation Department with the amendments submitted by the General Secretary."

DELAY IN POSTING GRADE NOTES & CHEQUES :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that this Executive fully supports the complaint of the South Canterbury Branch re the delay in making payment for honey supplied." In this connection the Secretary was instructed to quote the facts of an individual case when writing to the Honey Marketing Committee.

SALE OF SEALS ON CREDIT :- The decision of the Marketing Committee in this regard was again discussed and members expressed the opinion that there was no logical reason why the seals levy should have to be met by producers in advance, especially as in many instances the Department was already holding sums of money due to producers in respect of honey supplied.

Mr. Gumbrell moved, seconded by Mr. Glass, "that this Executive views with disfavour the decision of the Honey Marketing Committee not to issue seals on a credit basis and wishes to be advised of the reasons why such a scheme is considered impracticable."

The time being 5.55 p.m., the meeting then adjourned until the following morning.

RESUMPTION - VENUE OF CONFERENCE :- The meeting resumed at 9.15 a.m. on the 4th. October, when the question of the venue of the 1952 Conference was discussed. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that the 1952 Conference be held in Auckland."

It was also decided to invite Mr. Greig and Mr. Bridle to address the Conference and also to invite Mr. Palmer-Jones to deliver an address to members at a special evening meeting.

The question of arranging for a suitable Hall for Conference was left in the hands of the Chairman, while the Secretary was advised to endeavour to arrange accommodation for members at the Central Hotel.

HONEY MARKETING REGULATIONS :- These were discussed in relation to correspondence received. Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the draft regulations be approved with the exception of those clauses objected to by the Executive at its July meeting, also that objected to by Conference and with the addition of the clause recommended by the previous Executive."

INCREASED PRICES :- The approach to this question was considered in a general discussion without result and at the Secretary's suggestion it was decided to endeavour to arrange a meeting with officials of the Price Control Authority, with a view to endeavouring to arrive at a satisfactory basis upon which a decision could be reached covering the coming production season. The matter was held over pending the Secretary's enquiries.

INSECTICIDES & WEEDKILLERS :- (CONT.) The time being 11.15 a.m., Messrs. Winter and Palmer-Jones arrived at the meeting and an informative informal discussion ensued in which Mr. Palmer-Jones gave members a very clear picture of the dangers associated with the advent of new chemicals which were constantly coming on to the market under various trade names.

Mr. Winter said that a perusal of the Weedkillers Bill now in the drafting stage had revealed the fact that the proposed Bill dealt with an entirely separate matter to that affecting Beekeepers and that the proposed Bill was designed to ensure that only effective and approved weedkillers were put on the market.

The visitors were most helpful in their suggestions to assist the Beekeepers to secure adequate protection from the use of all types of poisons in the eradication of weeds from pastures and in the application of D.D.T. Superphosphate in the control of grass-grubs, as recommended by the Extension Division of the Department of Agriculture.

The Chairman extended the thanks of members to Messrs. Winter and Palmer-Jones and the visitors withdrew at 12 noon.

Following a further discussion it was thereupon resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that this Association is gravely concerned with the possibility that indiscriminate use of some of the newer insecticides and new weedkillers may cause serious losses of colonies of bees to the Beekeeping Industry and also of essential pollinators of economic crops. We therefore strongly recommend the formation of a Committee representing the Beekeeping Industry, Department of Agriculture, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Health Department and the Trade, to thoroughly examine the use of these substances, so that the various interests represented by the Committee do not conflict. The Committee should bring down for consideration by the Government any recommendations necessary for the safe application of insecticides and weedkillers."

It was decided to send a copy of this resolution to the Minister and also to the Director of the Horticulture Division.

The question of securing the co-operation of farmers in this matter without undue delay was also discussed and it was agreed that the Director of the Horticulture Division be asked to request the Director of the Extension Division to instruct field officers of the Department to take every possible step to educate farmers concerning the danger to bees in the use of D.D.T. Superphosphate and all insecticides which may be detrimental to the Beekeeping Industry.

It was further resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that we write to Federated Farmers asking them to circularise all Branches, pointing out the danger involved in using D.D.T. Super and other insecticides for the control of grass grubs and other insect pests by applying same at the time of the year when there is every possibility of destroying bees and other pollinating insects. Also that we suggest that members of Federated Farmers contact officers of the Department of Agriculture for advice as to the correct times of application of insecticides."

THE NZ. BEEKEEPER :- The advice from the Beynon Printing Co., intimating a further very substantial increase in the costs of printing the Journal was received with alarm and members were unanimous in the opinion that the publication of bi-monthly issues was out of the question.

In this regard also, it was decided to suggest to Mr. McFadzien that he personally interview the Beynon Printing Co., re the increased prices quoted and if felt necessary, to call upon Mr. Gumbrell to accompany him.

The meeting also authorised Mr. Glass, in company with Mr. McFadzien, to obtain quotations for the printing of the Journal in Dundedin.

GRANT FROM POOL FUND :- Resolved on the motion of Mr. Glass, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that we apply to the Minister for a grant of £150 towards the cost of publishing "The New Zealand Beekeeper."

The time being 1.5 p.m. the meeting then adjourned for lunch, resuming again at 2 p.m.

PRICE INCREASE (CONT.) :- At this stage Messrs. Isbister and Thomas of the Price Control Division of the Department of Industries and Commerce arrived and were extended a welcome by the Chairman.

Mr. Isbister said that he greatly welcomed the opportunity of discussing matters with the Executive and assured members that the Division would at all times be very happy to meet them and talk over their problems.

Various aspects of the existing Price Order were then discussed and the Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Tribunal in disallowing certain labour costs in the previous application, had overlooked the fact that while the cost schedule submitted by the Association had disclosed an overall increase of almost 5d. per lb., the increase granted had been reduced to 1½d. on the 3d. per lb. asked for, instead of taking into account the extra 2d. per lb. in costs which the Industry agreed to absorb in excess of the 3d. per lb. applied for.

Mr. Isbister said that the Tribunal was aware of the fact that the Industry was not satisfied with the last increase and he appreciated the point which had been raised. Taking into account the rise in the cost of tinsplate, he assumed that a further increase in prices of 3d. per lb. was sought by the Beekeepers. Members however, considered that 2d. per lb. would probably be nearer the mark and it was indicated that an early decision was required because of the fact that the new seasons honey would probably start to come on to the market in December and that many producers had sold a large portion of their crops before the last price increase was authorised.

Mr. Isbister then asked for the opinion of the Executive as to the future methods to be adopted in applying for adjustments in prices. He mentioned three alternatives. Firstly, that which he described as the "stab" method (which was neither satisfactory to the Tribunal, the Producer or the Consumer). Secondly, the production of balance sheets from a representative cross section of producers in both Islands (This had been tried before, without success).

Thirdly, a cost-survey basis which would allow for a more frequent and accurate adjustment of prices. This method had now been adopted by several other smaller sections of primary producers with success and he instanced the case of the Tobacco Growers. The speaker pointed out that the present cost schedule was based on the figures submitted in an overall survey of the Industry in 1945 by the special sub-committee of the Agricultural Development Committee and obviously this was now out-of-date, owing to changed conditions during the last 6 years.

Members agreed that the cost-survey basis, taking production figures over a period of not less than 10 years, would provide the most satisfactory basis of approach to the problem.

Mr. Isbister said that such a survey would be undertaken by the Department of Agriculture at not cost to the Industry and in order to meet the interim period covered by the lapse of time necessary for the survey to be completed, he would strongly recommend the Tribunal to grant an immediate price rise on the basis of 2d. per lb. provided the General Secretary submitted figures in support of the application, together with a schedule of wholesale prices on packed lines. He further stated that the Tribunal would fix the retail prices to meet a legitimate request which had been received from retailers for an increased margin, which had not been granted in respect of the last two increases granted to producers.

At the conclusion of a friendly and frank discussion the visitors withdrew, the time being 3.15. p.m.

AFFILIATION WITH FEDERATED FARMERS :- In view of the fact that no further recommendations had emerged from the Conference, the Executive decided to proceed with this matter on the lines previously considered.

Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gumbrell, "that Mr. EA. Field be appointed as the Association's representative on the council of Federated Farmers."

AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION :- Relative correspondence which had passed between Mr. Bridle and the General Secretary concerning the rights of outsiders to speak at Conference, the Secretary suggested an addition to Rule 35, to be cited as Rule 35 (f), as follows :- "Notwithstanding the provisions of any of the foregoing clauses, it shall be competent for any person, not being a member of the Association, to be present at any Special or General Meeting of the Association by invitation of the General Executive. Further it shall be competent for any such person, not being a member of the Association, to speak at any time during the progress of such meetings, upon request to do so, providing that any such request is supported by a resolution put to the meeting and decided on a show of hands of the financial members present or lawfully represented thereat."

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "that we adopt the suggested addition to the Rules of the Association as set out by the General Secretary."

PUBLIC RISK COVER :- Moved by Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that the General Secretary make enquiries from the N.Z. Insurance Co. Ltd. as to the possibility of lifting the limit of cover for individual claims from £250 to £500 and alternatively to £1000." Carried.

MR. MAWHINNEY'S LETTER TO MR. BRIDLE (REFERRED) :- Decided to write to Mr. Bridle stating that the Executive considers that there is a certain merit in some of Mr. Mawhinney's criticisms and feels that the Department's policy is not progressive enough. Also that the uncertainty concerning the final amount to be paid out on honey supplied is disturbing to producers.

The lack of information about overseas conditions and the expert trade leave much to be desired and it is felt that producers could be better informed on these matters.

Regarding the guaranteed price - this proposal was not accepted by the Conference.

UNFINANCIAL BRANCH MEMBERS :-

The letters which had passed between the General Secretary and several of the Branches whose financial members had fallen below the number required by the Rules were discussed and the Secretary drew attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the finances of some of the Branches were being handled. No action was taken.

The Secretary reported that in terms of the Association's Rules, three of the Branches had now been wound up. These were :- Whakatane : Waimarino and Wairarapa. The funds and records of the Waimarino Branch had been received at Head Office. The Cash Book of the Whakatane Branch could not be located by the Branch Secretary, while the records of the Wairarapa Branch had not yet come to hand.

The General Secretary also reported that owing to lack of co-operation by the Wairarapa Branch officials, he had found it necessary to forward a separate notice to each of the Branch members.

LIFE MEMBERS :-

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Glass, "that Messrs. W. Watson and L.F. Robbins be recommended for election as Life Members at the next Conferance."

F.O.R. BASIS FOR HONEY SUPPLIED :-

Resolved on the motion of Mr. Gumbrell, seconded by Mr. Barber, "that we respectfully request the Marketing Committee to give further consideration to this matter, pointing out that under the new depot system, some producers are, in effect, receiving the benefit of free railage. Also that this Executive is unanimously of the opinion that an F.O.R. basis would provide a much more equitable return to producers who would automatically receive a uniform return according to grade, if all railage charges were paid out of the Pool Account. The adoption of the system would also greatly lessen the office work of the Department as it would obviate the necessity for working out the individual freight charges on consignments received."

SYMPATHY :-

It was decided to send a letter to Mr. A. May of Millers Flat expressing regret at his recent accident and wishing him a speedy recovery.

VISIT TO MINISTER :-

In order that members should not be detained, it was agreed that the President and General Secretary should wait on the Minister (Hon. K.J. Holyoake) at the time arranged, viz. 2 p.m. on the 5th. instant, in order to discuss the questions of Sugar Supply, Amendment to Apiaries Act and the controlled use of Insecticides and Weedkillers.

This concluded the business of the meeting which terminated at 6.10 p.m.

CONFIRMED.

DATE. 19.2.52....

CHAIRMAN. E. X. Williams